



National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information National Adoption Information Clearinghouse



Gateways to Information: Protecting Children and Strengthening Families

National Organizations with Local Chapters

The following national organizations and programs have local chapters in States and communities across the country. Please call the national office or go to the Web site to identify a local office near you.

AVANCE, Inc. (AVANCE)

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AVANCE's mission is to provide support and education services that will strengthen low-income families. AVANCE's focus is on community-based intervention that is family-centered, preventive, comprehensive, and continuous through the integration and collaboration of services. The AVANCE Family Support and Education Program is an example of one of AVANCE's programs: Targeted primarily at Hispanic at-risk parents with young children, the program aims to strengthen parent-child relationships and the parental role of advocate for the child. To find local contact information, please see the drop-down box, "Our Chapters," on the homepage of the Website.

Alliance for Children and Families

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Milwaukee, WI, 53224-3099
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URL: <http://www.alliance1.org>

The Alliance is an association representing private, nonprofit child and family service organizations. Its members provide an array of services ranging from residential care to domestic abuse prevention and intervention. The mission of the Alliance is to strengthen the ability of its members to serve and advocate for children, families, and communities. The Alliance was formed by a merger between Family Service America and the National Association of Homes and Services for Children in 1998.

Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)

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Local Contacts:
<http://www.cwla.org/members/members.htm>

The Child Welfare League of America is the oldest national organization serving vulnerable children, youth, and their families. CWLA provides training, consultation, and technical assistance to child welfare professionals and agencies while also educating the public on emerging issues that affect abused, neglected, and at-risk children. Through its publications, conferences, and teleconferences, CWLA shares information on emerging trends, specific topics in child welfare practice (family foster care, kinship care, adoption, positive youth development), and Federal and State policies.

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Circle of Parents

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Fax: (312) 939-8962
URL: <http://www.circleofparents.org>
Local Contacts:
<http://www.circleofparents.org/locator/index.shtml>

Circle of Parents, a collaboration of Prevent Child Abuse America and the National Family Support Roundtable, provides parent self-help support groups to anyone in a parenting role. These groups offer parents a place to discuss the challenges of raising kids and exchange ideas.

Family Support America (FSA)

20 North Wacker Drive
Suite 1100
Chicago, IL, 60606
Phone: (312) 338-0900
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URL: <http://www.familysupportamerica.org/>
Local Contacts:
http://www.familysupportamerica.org/mapping_dir/find.asp

Family Support America works to strengthen and empower families and communities so that they can foster the optimal development of children, youth, and family members. FSA accomplishes this by identifying and connecting individuals and organizations that have contact with families; by providing technical assistance, training and education; and by promoting the voice of the family.

Healthy Families America (HFA)

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Chicago, IL, 60604
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Healthy Families America is a program of Prevent Child Abuse America that promotes child health and development and positive parenting through voluntary home visits by trained staff.

Meld

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Meld offers educational and support services for parents, trains family service providers to apply best practices in their work with families, and publishes a broad range of resource materials for parents and the people who work with them. Meld offers nine special programs that use the peer-led, self-help model of parents learning from each other. Please see the Major Programs/Initiatives portion of the organization description for links to the nine programs mentioned above.

National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds (ACT)

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The mission of the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds is to build and maintain a system of services, laws, practices, and attitudes that prevents child abuse and neglect. The Alliance assists Children's Trust and Prevention Funds at the State and national levels.

National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse

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Local Contacts:
<http://www.preventchildabuse.com/usamap.htm>

The National Exchange Club Foundation focuses on improving the lives of children and families through the prevention of child abuse. The NECF coordinates a nationwide network of community-based Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Centers that offer a professionally supervised parent aide program to at-risk parents, with the goal of replacing traditional patterns of abusive behavior with effective skills for nonviolent parenting.

National Resource Center for Community-Based Family Resource and Support Programs (FRIENDS)

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Local Contacts: <http://www.friendsnrc.org>

FRIENDS is the National Resource Center for the Community-Based Family Resource Services program (CBFRS). FRIENDS supports State efforts to create a statewide network of community-based, family-centered, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs. The goal is to strengthen families and lessen the occurrences of child abuse and neglect. FRIENDS (it stands for Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Services) offers a range of services to assist States, Tribal organizations, and local programs in developing community-based family resource programs and networks. FRIENDS is part of the Children's Bureau Training and Technical Assistance Network.

Parents Anonymous, Inc.

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Parents Anonymous helps parents provide nurturing environments for their families. The organization is dedicated to strengthening families through strategies that promote mutual support and parental leadership. For State and local contacts, visit the Parents Anonymous Web site.

Prevent Child Abuse America

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Prevent Child Abuse America is committed to promoting legislation, policies, and programs that help prevent child abuse and neglect, support healthy childhood development, and strengthen families. Working with chapters in 37 States and the District of Columbia, Prevent Child Abuse America provides leadership to promote and implement prevention efforts at the national and local levels.